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SUBJ: GENOA NEWSPAPER LINKS SAVONA BOMBINGS,

CIA AND U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILES

1. SUMMARY. IL LAVORO, GENOA PSI DAILY NEWSPAPER, FRONTPAGED LENGTHY ARTICLES ON JAN. 22 AND 23 WHICH DISCUSSED HYPOTHESIS THAT NATO INSTALLATION NEAR SAVONA IS A U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILE BASE, AND THAT THE BASE, AND THE CIA, WERE CONNECTED WITH THE SERIES OF BOMBINGS WHICH HIT SAVONA IN NOVEMBER 1974. ARTICLES, HEAVY IN USE OF SUBJUNCTIVE, WERE SENSATIONALIST IN TONE AND OCCUPIED MORE SPACE THAN COVERAGE OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC CRISIES.

2. COVERAGE BASED ON ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN JANUARY 1976 ISSUE OF MAQUIS, A MAGAZINE EDITED IN MILAN BY FILIPPO GAJA, WHICH IN TURN REFERRED TO JANUARY 1975 ARTICLE IN FRENCH REVUE DE DEFENSE NATIONALE, DESCRIBED AS AN OFFICIAL FRENCH GENERAL STAFF PUBLICATION. LATTER ARTICLE REPORTEDLY PLACED QUOTE THE AMERICAN MISSILE BASE AT PIAN DEI CORSI NEAR SAVONA UNQUOTE AT THE HEAD OF A LIST OF NATO INSTALLATIONS IN ITALY. ARTICLE SAYS SIGNS UNCLASSIFIED

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3. WITHOUT ESTABLISHING LOGICAL CONNECTIONS, MAQUIS, AS REPORTED BY IL LAVORO, HINTS THAT THE BASE CONTAINS ATOMIC MISSILES BECAUSE: (A) THE AREA IS GEOGRAPHICALLY BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD MODERN ATOMIC WEAPONS AND (B) THE U.S. HAS MISSILES IN EUROPE.

4. SAVONA BOMBINGS COME INTO PICTURE UNDER ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WERE PERPETRATED BY A WELL-ORGANIZED FASCIST GROUP WITH INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS. MAQUIS HYPOTHEZIZES THAT SAVONA WAS CHOSEN AS A TARGET DURING THE PERIOD OF QUOTE COUP PSYCHOSIS UNQUOTE IN ORDER TO OBSERVE POPULAR REACTIONS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY. MAQUIS IMPLIES THAT THE INTERESTED OBSERVERS WERE NOT ONLY AMERICANS AT THE BASE BUT ALSO THE FRENCH, WORRIED ABOUT THEIR OWN FORCE DE FRAPPE BASE 200 KILOMETERS FROM PIAN DEI CORSI.

5. WHEREAS JAN. 22 ARTICLE ENDED WITH A QUESTION MARK ON PRESENCE OF MISSILES AND CIA ACTIVITY, THREE PIECES APPEARING JAN. 23 HEADLINE OFFICIAL SILENCE ON QUESTION AND REPORT PSI DEPUTY CANEPA S PARLIAMENTARY INTERROGATORY ON THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF MISSILES. ALLEGED SECRECY AND STRICT SECURITY SURROUNDING BASE ARE EMPHASIZED. ALLUSIONS ARE MADE TO MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS HEARD IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION TO RADAR ANTENNAS, THE ARTICLE SAYS, THERE ARE UNDERGROUND TUNNELS AND SHAFTS ON THE BASE. TENUOUS CONNECTION WITH SAVONA BOMBINGS IS MAINTAINED BY REFERENCING FRENCH ARTICLE AS SOURCE OF REPORTED LINK BETWEEN CIA AND UNIDENTIFIED SAVONA TERRORISTS. THIS CONFLICTS WITH FIRST LAVORO ARTICLE, WHICH SAID ONLY THAT FRENCH MAGAZINE HAD IDENTIFIED BASE AS A MISSILE INSTALLATION.

6. JAN. 23 COVERAGE ALSO INCLUDES DECLARATIONS ON SUBJECT COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS LOCAL LEADERS. LEFTISTS TEND TO ASSUME VALIDITY OF SOME OF IL LAVORO S REPORTS, WHILE MORE MODERATE FORCES LIMIT THEMSELVES TO DEMANDS FOR CLARIFICATION OF FACTS BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

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7. ONLY OTHER NEWSPAPER TO REPORT ON SUBJECT HAS BEEN LASTAMPA, WHICH PUBLISHED MORE OBJECTIVE PIECE AND A PHOTO OF BASE TAKEN FROM DISTANCE. ARTICLES POUCHED ROME.BRUNO

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